

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, and 7-10 have been amended and no new matter has been added. The support of the amendment can be found on page 8-9 of the specification and the claims.

Objection to Specification under § 608.01(b)

The Examiner objected to the first sentence of the abstract as being repeated information. The first sentence of the abstract has been removed and the objection over § 608.01(b) is traversed.

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Claim Objection

Claims 5 and 7 are objected to because of informalities. The phrase “the step of said second display portion, including” has been removed from claims 5 and 7. Thus, the objection over the informalities has been traversed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

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The Examiner further rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the U.S. Patent No. 5,206, 929 of Langford et al. (“Langford”). The Applicants respectfully submit that the presently claimed invention is patentable over Langford under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Langford discloses:

a post production offline editing system including a processor programmed to display an initial menu prompting a user to select any of a "multiple camera" editing mode. (See Summary of Langford.)

5 Langford goes on to teach:

10 [I]n the preferred embodiment of FIGS. 2-7, the invention includes a programmed computer 30 (including offline editing control hardware and software) for generating the edit list in the form of a computer file (so that the edit list may be written by computer 30, for example, on a 3.5 floppy diskette, as indicated in FIG. 2). (See Langford at column 4, line 65 to column 5, line 3.)

In contrast, the present invention discloses a mechanism of substantially contemporaneously controlling one or more tracks of multiple audio processing modules. Claim 1 of the present invention states in part:

15 generating a first display portion on the display by the processor, the first display portion including one or more control boxes to substantial contemporaneously control a corresponding one or more tracks of the plurality of audio processing modules; and
20 generating a second display portion on the display by the processor, the second display portion including a central control mechanism for substantial contemporaneously controlling all of the one or more tracks of the plurality of audio processing modules.

In other words, the present invention generates two display portions where the first portion provides substantial contemporaneous control of the corresponding
25 track(s) of multiple audio processing modules while the second portion provides a central substantial contemporaneous control of all audio processing modules.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Langford is a post production offline editing system that includes a processor programmed to display an initial menu prompting a user to select the editing mode. (See
30 Summary of Langford.)

However, the Office Action specifically points out that a first display portion 52a of Langford includes one or more control boxes and a second display portion 35 controls all of the one or more I/O channels of the plurality of audio processing module 50. See page 3 of the Office Action. Video monitor 52a
5 displays video signals from units 50. (See Langford at column 5, lines 15-16.) Monitor 35 displays the selection of the scene tracker module. (See Langford at column 12, lines 9-10.)

Unlike the presently claimed invention, neither display 52a nor display 35 of Langford discloses a scheme of generating first and second display portions on
10 the display where the first display portion includes one or more control boxes to substantially contemporaneously control the corresponding one or more tracks of the audio processing modules, and the second display portion includes a central control mechanism for substantially contemporaneously controlling all of the one or more tracks of the audio processing modules.

15 Thus, Langford does not anticipate the presently claimed invention because Langford has failed to teach every aspect of the claimed invention. Therefore, claim 1 of the present invention is patentable over Langford under § 102.

Since claims 8-10 contain similar limitations as claim 1 and claims 2-7 and
20 11-18 depend from claims 1 and 10, respectively, Applicants submit that claims 2-18 are patentable over Langford under § 102.

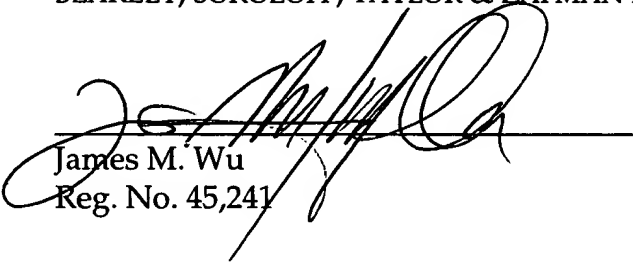
In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendment and remarks set forth herein, all objections and rejections have been overcome.

All claims are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully examining the present application and if a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this
5 application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jim Wu at (408) 720-8598.

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